IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

NATALIE ANDERSON, TIFFANY VASQUEZ, BRIANA BALDERAS, Plaintiffs

SA-23-CV-00911-XR

-VS-

RUIZ AND LOUVIN ENTERPRISES, LLC, ERIC LOUVIN, MEGAN LOUVIN, Defendants

MEDIATION ORDER

On this date, the Court considered the status of this case. The parties have advised the Court that they intend to participate in private mediation of this matter on July 11, 2024 with Michael Holland. ECF No. 29. Accordingly, the Court **WITHDRAWS** its previous Order requiring the parties to mediate the case before United States Magistrate Judge Henry J. Bemporad by July 1, 2024. ECF No. 17.

Mediation is a mandatory but non-binding settlement conference wherein the parties attempt to resolve their differences with the assistance of a third-party facilitator. All proceedings in a mediation session are confidential and protected from discovery. No subpoenas, summons, citations, or other process shall be served at or near the location of any mediation session, upon any person entering, leaving, or attending any mediation session.

Counsel and parties shall proceed in a good faith effort to try to resolve this case. Unless this Court extends the deadline, mediation shall occur no later than **July 31, 2024.** Following the mediation, the Court will be advised only that the case did or did not settle. No other information will be transmitted to the Court by the mediator or any other party.

The Court finds this case is appropriate for administrative closure pending the outcome of

mediation. See Mire v. Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., 389 F.3d 163, 167 (5th Cir. 2004) ("District

courts frequently make use of this device to remove from their pending cases suits which are

temporarily active elsewhere (such as before an arbitration panel) or stayed (such as where a

bankruptcy is pending). The effect of an administrative closure is no different from a simple stay

. . . . '').

The Clerk's office is therefore **DIRECTED** to administratively close this case pending

further order of the Court. Though administratively closed, this case will still exist on the docket

of this Court and may be reopened upon request or on the Court's own motion. Parties may

continue to file motions and documents in the case.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED this 28th day of June, 2024.

XAVIER RODRIGUEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE